

KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL: COMMERCIAL FISHERIES, 2007/2008 FISHING YEAR
LANDINGS REPORTED, STATUS OF QUOTAS, AND DAILY VESSEL TRIP/LANDING LIMITS (IN POUNDS, lb)¹

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| SPECIES | MIGRATORY GROUP | ZONE | SUBZONE | GEAR/ FISHERY | QUOTA (Pounds, lb) | REPORTED LANDINGS (lb) (Ending Date ²) | % OF QUOTA LANDED | DAILY TRIP/ LANDING LIMIT ³ | AREA FOR DAILY TRIP/ LANDING LIMITS | STATUS | ACTION DATE |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--|------------------|----------------------|
| <i>KING MACKEREL</i> | ATLANTIC | Mid & South Atlantic | | Hook-and-Line Gillnet (North of Cape Lookout, NC) | 3,710,000 | 1,495,077 (09/30/07) | 40.3% | 3,500 lb 75 Fish 1,250 lb | NY-FL (Flagler/Volusia) Flagler/Volusia - Miami-Dade/Monroe Florida Keys (Monroe County) | Opened: Ends: | 03/01/07 02/28/08 |
| | | WESTERN Texas-Alabama | | Hook-and-Line | 1,010,000 | 834,438 (10/07/07) | 82.6% | 3,000 lb | TX - AL | Opened: Ends: | 07/01/07 06/30/08 |
| | GULF | EASTERN Florida | East Coast⁴ | Hook-and-Line | 1,040,625 | 0 | 0.0% | 75 fish ⁵ | Flagler/Volusia - Miami-Dade/Monroe | Opens: Ends: | 11/01/07 03/31/08 |
| | | | West Coast: Northern: | Hook-and-Line | 168,750 | 24,785 (09/30/07) | 14.7% | 1,250 lb ⁶ | AL - FL (Lee/Collier) | Opened: Ends: | 07/01/07 06/30/08 |
| | | | Southern: | Hook-and-Line | 520,312 | 1,040 (09/30/07) | 0.2% | 0 lb ⁶ | Lee/Collier - Monroe/Miami-Dade | Opened: Ends: | 07/01/07 06/30/08 |
| | | | | Gillnet | 520,312 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 lb | Lee/Collier - Monroe/Miami-Dade | Opens: Ends: | 01/22/08 06/30/08 |
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| | ATLANTIC | Northern (NY-GA) | | | 3,620,000 | 621,826 (09/30/07) | 23.5% | 3,500 lb | NY - GA | Opened: Ends: | 03/01/07 02/28/08 |
| <i>SPANISH MACKEREL</i> | | Southern (FL) | | | | 229,265 | | 3,500 lb ⁷ | FL (GA/FL-Miami-Dade/Monroe) | | |
| | GULF | Gulf of Mexico | | | 5,187,000 | 398,735 (7/31/07) | 7.7% | Unlimited | TX - FL (Monroe/Miami-Dade) | Opened: Ends: | 04/01/07 03/31/08 |

1 NOTE: This report is an unofficial summary of pertinent federal regulations for the mackerel species and migratory groups specified. The landings information contained herein is based upon estimates that are subject to change or revision without prior notice as additional information becomes available. Information contained in this report does not relieve persons from abiding by the regulations promulgated under 50 CFR Part 622 or elsewhere, which have been filed for publication or published in the *Federal Register*. Participants and others interested in these fisheries should closely monitor official sources such as the federal regulations and the *Federal Register*, as well as the usual and customary sources of information such as the NMFS Southeast Regional Office Web site (<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/>; e.g., Fishery Bulletins, Quota Monitoring Reports), or broadcasts on NOAA Weather Radio Stations.

2 Ending date of most recently received landings estimates.

3 Stated vessel trip limits are effective unless an in-season trip-limit reduction or fishery closure has been implemented.

4 The Florida east coast subzone, located between the Flagler/Volusia and the Miami-Dade/Monroe County boundaries, exists only from November 1 through March 31, when Gulf group king mackerel extend into that area. From April 1 through October 31, king mackerel landed in this area belong to the Atlantic migratory group of king mackerel.

5 Trip limit increases from 50 fish/day to 75 fish/day on February 1 if less than 75 percent or 780,469 pounds of the Florida east coast subzone quota is harvested prior to February 1.

6 Trip limit is reduced to 500 pounds/day when 75 percent of the subzone's quota is harvested: Northern Subzone, 126,563 pounds; Southern Subzone, 390,234 pounds.

7 3,500-pound trip begins April 1. Unlimited trip limit begins December 1 and continues until 75 percent or a projected 2.715 million pounds (mp) of the adjusted quota (3.62 mp) is harvested and the trip limit is reduced to 1,500 pounds. Daily trip limits during the **unlimited season** are: **Unlimited** on Monday through Friday and not to exceed **1,500** pounds on Saturday and Sunday. For these Spanish mackerel trip limits in the Florida east coast federal waters, a fishing day begins 6 a.m. and extends for 24 hours. If 100 percent of the adjusted quota or 3.620 mp is harvested, the trip limit is reduced to 500 pounds through March 31. The commercial vessel trip limits in Florida east coast waters differ and do not exceed 3,500 pounds per day.